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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

INVENTOR:	Tomohiro YASUDA and Tetsuo NISHIKAWA
FOR:	METHOD AND DEVICE FOR ASSEMBLING NUCLEIC ACID BASE SEQUENCES

Enclosed are:

- ☒ 16 sheets of ☐ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☒ Transmittal of certified copy of Japanese patent application 2001-353640 to claim priority date of November 19, 2001.
- ☒ An Executed Declaration
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with References
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.

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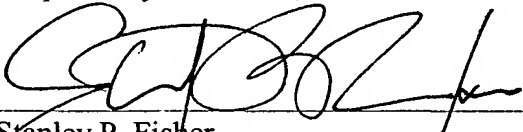
**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of November 19, 2001, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-353640

The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2001-353640 is being submitted herewith. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copy is respectfully requested in due course.

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